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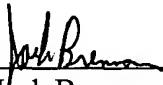
The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/859,053, filed May 16, 2001.

The specification has been amended to insert sequence identifiers and update the priority information on the first page of the application. In addition, the paragraph in the specification beginning at page 127, line 21 has been amended to correct an obvious error regarding the position of the variable region in the heavy chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28. This paragraph has been amended to recite amino acid numbers "20 to 117" instead of "20 to 118." Support for the amendment can be found, e.g., in original claims 30, 34, 43, 64, and 68, and in the specification at page 12, line 6, page 12, line 8, page 14, line 17, page 16, line 2, page 20, line 19, and page 21, line 25, all of which recite the position of the variable region as amino acids "20 to 117" in the heavy chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28. In addition, page 127, lines 19-20 of the specification refers to nucleotides 126-419 of SEQ ID NO:27 (which encode amino acids 20-117 of SEQ ID NO:28) as encoding the heavy chain variable region. Accordingly, one skilled in the art would recognize the error in the specification as well as the correction made by the present amendment. These amendments add no new matter.

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